

I appreciate that the Commission is undertaking a review of media ownership rules. However, I believe that it is inappropriate to make significant changes to these rules without a thorough public debate.

The mass media is critical to facilitating informed public debate in a democratic society such as ours. A well-functioning democracy requires a plurality of views and opinions as well as content that addresses important local issues.

Therefore, I beseech the Commission to delay its final ruling until it provides full disclosure of both its proposed changes and the empirical evidence formulated to support its recommendations.

To serve the public interest, please allow ample time for the public and Congress to evaluate the proposed rule changes, so that all stakeholders understand the potential implications on our society.